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Amendment to the Drawing

Please amend Fig. 9 (Sheet 7) by substituting the accompanying Replacement Sheet in which arrows and a label indicating dimension l_e have been added. Dimension l_e is referred to in paragraph 0094, and may also be seen in Fig. 7 and Fig. 10.

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Remarks

Paragraph 0006 and the drawing have been editorially amended. Claims 2-8, 17-21, 23 and 24 were objected to in the Final Rejection as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As requested by the Examiner, these claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and thus should be allowable. Rejected claims 1, 9-16, 22, 25, 26, 52-55 and 58-61 have been cancelled without prejudice and will be pursued in a continuation application (Attorney Docket No. 55752US024). Claim 57 has been editorially amended. New claims 62-69 have been added. Support for these new claims may be found at, e.g., paragraph 0068. Following entry of this amendment, claims 2-8, 17-21, 23, 24, 27-51, 56 and 57 will be pending in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending to the undersigned attorney and Dr. Kolb the courtesy of an in-person interview on Tuesday, May 31, 2005. At the interview a condensation device was demonstrated, the amendments set out above were discussed, and the Examiner was shown a blueprint for the drying system enclosures in Yapel et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,906,862. The blueprint is not prior art, but shows that the Yapel et al. drying system enclosures had a combined headspace plus footspace of 12 inches (30.5 cm), and were not close enclosures (see e.g., paragraph 0043).

Conclusion

The pending and new claims should all be in condition for allowance. Applicant requests entry of this amendment and passage of the application to the issue branch. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at 612-331-7412 if there are any unanswered questions concerning this application.

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